

REMARKS

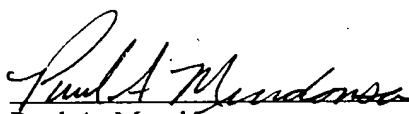
This amendment is motivated by the associated Transmittal of Formal Drawings in which Figure 7 as originally filed has been redrawn to be Figures 7a and 7b. The change to the drawings was necessitated by the drawing requirements of 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.84. No new matter has been added. Applicants request that the Examiner approve the changes to the drawings and enter the Formal Drawings.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

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MARKED VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 16-17 with:

Figures 7a and 7b [Figure 7 is a] are conceptual illustrations
[illustration] of one embodiment of a prescription ordering process.

Please replace the paragraph on page 20, line 20 to page 21, line 3 with:

Figures 7a and 7b [Figure 7 is a] are conceptual illustrations
[illustration] of one embodiment of a prescription ordering process. In one embodiment prescription ordering is processed by three devices: a front end server, a back end server, and a distribution center. In alternate embodiments, prescription ordering can be processed by different devices, for example, a front end server and a distribution center. In one embodiment, the message processing of Figure 7 is accomplished using Microsoft MessageQueue links; however, other protocols can also be used.